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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - SESSION DRAWS NEAR END

1. SUMMARY: PLENARY MET AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 4 TO ADOPT
TEN MEASURES PLUS THEIR ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS AND
DECISIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE I. ONLY TNC
AGENDA ITEM REMAINS. END SUMMARY

2. ECOSOC PLENARY AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 4 BEGAN PROCESS
OF ADOPTING REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS OF ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE AND HANDLING OTHER REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.
THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS
AND DECISIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS:

(A) E/1978/128 (INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION;
AGENDA ITEM 15) - INDIA REITERATED COMMENTS MADE IN
COMMITTEE AND OBSERVED THAT REFERENCE IN RESOLUTION TO
PROMOTING INVESTMENT WAS REGARDED BY THEM AS HAVING THE
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SAME MEANING AS THE LANGUAGE ON CONSULTATIONS CONTAINED
IN RES 3362 (S-VII).

(B) E/1978/131 (HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AGENDA ITEM 19);

(C) E/1978/129 (REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOP-
MENT, AGENDA ITEM 12) - USSR, INDIA, AND IRAN REITERATED

COMMENTS MADE IN COMMITTEE. USDEL PROPOSED AND PLENARY AGREED THAT RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED IN COMMITTEE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME PART OF THE RECORD;

(D) E/1978/130 (FOOD PROBLEMS, AGENDA ITEM 17) -
USSR REITERATED COMMENTS/RESERVATIONS MADE IN COMMITTEE;

(E) E/1978/136 (RESTRUCTURING, AGENDA ITEM 10) -
THIS INTER ALIA HAS CHANGED THE DATE OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION. USSR PROTESTED THAT THE SYG'S REPORT (E/1978/89) NEEDS FURTHER STUDY. USSR DEL DOES NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL FEATURES OF RESTRUCTURING. SOVIET DELEGATION CANNOT AGREE THAT RESTRUCTURING SHOULD BE USED AS PRETEXT FOR INCREASING SECRETARIAT STAFFING LEVELS. USSR PREFERS TO EMPHASIZE INCREASING THE SECRETARIAT'S EFFECTIVENESS. SOVIETS ARE ALSO VERY UPSET THAT EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DEEMPHASIZED FOR POLITICAL REASONS, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE SOCIALIST BLOC DOES NOT HAVE ITS EQUITABLE SHARE OF SECRETARIAT POSITIONS. THIS REFLECTS POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE SECRETARIAT. SOVIETS WILL RAISE THIS TOPIC AGAIN. JAMAICA REITERATED G-77 POSITION AS STATED IN COMMITTEE.

(F) E/1978/134 (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AGENDA ITEM 21) - AUSTRIA FIRST INTRODUCED E/1978/L.50, A UNCLASSIFIED

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DRAFT AMENDMENT TO E/1978/134. AFTER L. 50 WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, THE PLENARY ADOPTED THE AMENDED E/1978/134 BY CONSENSUS.

(G) E/1978/L.49 (ORGANIZATION OF WORK, AGENDA ITEM 2) - IN PARA 9 OF THIS DOCUMENT, SECRETARIAT HAD PROPOSED ONE ENLARGED DEBATE IN SECOND COMMITTEE OF GA, COVERING ALL AGENDA ITEMS. AFTER HEAVY SOVIET ATTACK AT PREVIOUS PLENARY THREATENED TO PRODUCE LONG DEBATE, UGANDA AMBASSADOR PROPOSED TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENT TO GA, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PARA 9. US SUPPORTED UGANDA, AND IT WAS AGREED TO TRANSMIT PROPOSAL, AND COMMENTS THEREON, TO 2ND OR 3RD COMMITTEES OF GA THROUGH CONTACTS AMONG THEIR BUREAUS AND THAT OF ECOSOC. USUN WILL PRESS QUESTION IN GA, FOLLOWING UP UNSUCCESSFUL US-UK-PAKISTAN EFFORT AT 32ND GA.

(H) AFTER THE ECOSOC PRESIDENT READ HIS SUMMING-UP STATEMENT, PLENARY DECIDED BY CONSENSUS THAT THE BUREAU OF ECOSOC WILL CONSULT THE BUREAU OF UNESCO AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR ADVICE ON E/1978/113 (APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO PREPARE

STUDY OF IMPACT OF MASS COMMUNICATION MEDIA ON CHANGING
ROLES OF WOMEN AND MEN, AGENDA ITEM 2). THE COUNCIL
AT ITS 1978 RESUMED SESSION WILL MAKE A FINAL DECISION
ON THE MATTER.

(I) E/1978/140 (SYG REPORT ON SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES) -
THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE BY CONSENSUS. USSR REITERATED
ITS OPPOSITION TO BURGEONING EXPENDITURES. US DEL
NOTED US POSITION THAT ADDITIONAL EXPENSES OCCURRING
DURING BIENNIUM SHOULD BE MET BY REDEPLOYMENT OF
BUDGETARY RESOURCES. POLAND EXPRESSED CONCERN AT RATE
BY WHICH UN EXPENDITURES ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL UNDER-
TAKINGS ARE INCREASING. GREECE SUPPORTED VIEWS OF USSR,
US, AND POLAND, NOTING THAT GREEK DELEGATION IN COMMITTEE
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V WOULD BE APPROPRIATELY INSTRUCTED.

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3. A ROLL CALL VOTE HAD BEEN REQUESTED ON CONSIDERATION
OF DOCUMENT E/1978/132 (CERDS, AGENDA ITEM 13). RESULT

WAS 35-1 (US)-6 (JAPAN, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS,
AND UK ABSTAINED). AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, AND INDIA RESTATED
THEIR RESERVATIONS AND COMMENTS THEY HAD EXPRESSED IN
COMMITTEE. TANZANIA NOTED THAT THE REPORT IS NOT
STRONG ENOUGH, THEN ACCUSED THE "SO-CALLED DEMOCRACIES
THAT ADVOCATE HUMAN RIGHTS", OF FAILING TO RECOGNIZE
THE RIGHT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS TO A DECENT STANDARD
OF LIVING.

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